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Harford County Historic Preservation Commission Presents 20th Annual Awards

BEL AIR, Md., (May 14, 2015) - The Harford County Historic Preservation Commission presented its 20th annual awards during a recent ceremony at the historic Liriodendron Mansion in Bel Air. The awards recognize individuals and organizations that have demonstrated their commitment to stewardship of the county's historic and cultural resources. Awards are presented each May in honor of National Historic Preservation Month.

At this year's ceremony held on May 8, County Executive Barry Glassman delivered opening remarks and presented a citation celebrating the 20th anniversary of the awards. Commission chairman Robert Thomas served as the master of ceremonies.

Special Preservation Awards were presented to Joe A. Swisher for his interviews on the television program "Historic Harford with Joe A. Swisher"; to Heidi Glatfelter for her efforts to promote education and public history through her book, "Havre de Grace in the War of 1812", and for her contribution to a multi-site exhibit project that told the story of the British attack on the town; and to the Hays-Heighe House at Harford Community College for three noteworthy educational and public history events and displays.

A Preservationist Honor Award was presented to Walter Holloway for his dedication and significant contributions as a volunteer for the Historical Society of Harford County.

Preservation Project Awards were presented as follows: to the Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation for the restoration project at the County Landmark Eden Mill, with special recognition to Angela Hoover, the Eden Mill Nature Committee and Lawrence C. Bathon Builders; to the Historical Society of Harford County for the preservation and relocation of the historic Aberdeen B&O Train Station, with special recognition to Maryanna Skowronski, Richard Sherrill and Richard Herbig; to the Liriodendron Foundation and Dan Coates for the renovation project at the Ice House Museum; to the Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation for restoration of the balustrade railing at the County Landmark Liriodendron, with special recognition to Barkley Creighton and Nelson Precast; to the Susquehanna Museum at the Lock House and John Lindtner for their efforts in the window and shutter restoration project; and to the Friends of Concord Point Lighthouse for restoration of the grounds at the lighthouse and keeper's house.

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